

We, the undersigned members of the MURS Users Society(MUSERS) hereby submit these comments in regards to the Multi-Use Radio Service(MURS):

MUSERS was originally formed as the MURS Defense League, with the following four purposes:

Provide a combined voice for existing and potential MURS users.

Commend the FCC for the creation of MURS.

Applaud the FCC for ignoring the efforts of Motorola, and others, who wished to eliminate the service.

Encourage the FCC to continue to ignore efforts by Motorola, and others, who would seek to change the MURS rules in any significant way.

In Motorola's latest comments regarding the MURS service, they state that they are not "anti-MURS". However, it is clear from their latest comments that, having failed to eliminate MURS, they now want to change the service into a VHF version of the Family Radio Service(FRS), in an obvious attempt to gain a quick market advantage.

We particularly take exception with two of Motorola's desires; the elimination of integral antennas, and the elimination of data communications. It is exactly these two items that gives MURS its "MURSnness" – without these items, MURS becomes almost exactly like FRS. Motorola is still, in effect, "anti-MURS".

We understand the need to limit communications ranges to reasonable distances. While adding an antenna height restriction similar to that of the GMRS small base station antenna restriction of 20 feet above the ground or above the building or tree to which it is mounted would not be unreasonable, we feel it is an unnecessary modification to the existing rules, as the purpose of the service is already stated as being for "short-range communication", as is GMRS. So any antenna not meeting these guidelines would already, by implication, be out of scope of the rules.

In regards to the existing 2W ERP limit – we feel that this is a reasonably stated restriction, and that attempts to reword the existing MURS regulations are basically "nitpicking". Manufacturers producing MURS-specific radios will no doubt keep the transmitter power below 2W. Indeed, for most MURS applications 1W is preferred.

The introduction of the Radio Shack Model 19-1210, has now provided the public with a decent low-cost MURS-specific radio. This radio automatically limits transmitter power to 1W on the MURS-specific frequencies, and comes with an external antenna connector. This radio provides a good guideline as to what an "acceptable" MURS capable radio should be. While we do not feel that any clarifications are necessary to the existing MURS regulations, we would ask that if any modifications are made, that they would not disallow the sale and use of this type of radio.

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